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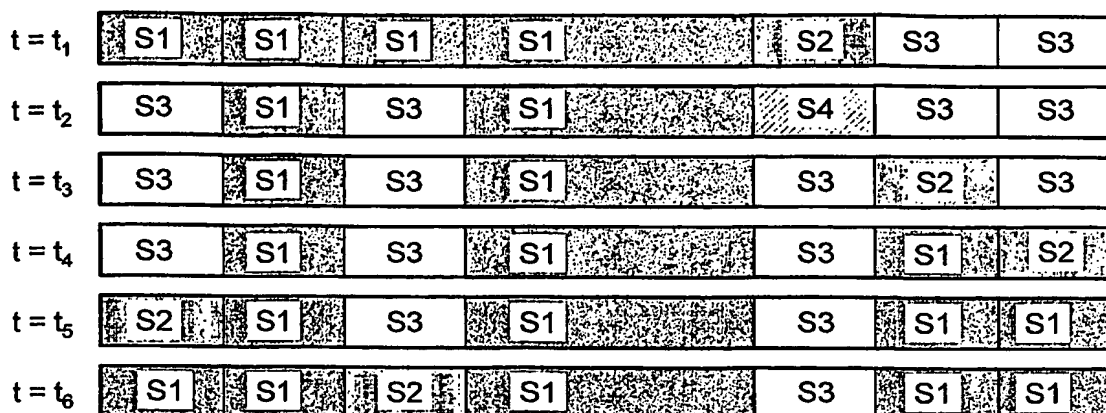
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(57) Abstract: In the field of data storage on limited rewritability storage media, handling frequently changing databases may lead to unequal wear of storage segments. The invention discloses a method for modifying a database file (31), which ensures maximally distributed segment wear in that any writing of data records (D1 ... D8) uses a next available segment after the last written segment (S2, S4); and a reading method. A data carrier according to the method, containing a database file with records having version numbers is also disclosed.